August 17

The President declared a major disaster in the District of Columbia and ordered Federal aid to supplement local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe thunderstorms on August 7.

The President declared a major disaster in New Jersey and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and mudslides on August 12 and continuing.

August 18

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Saranac Lake, NY. In the evening, they attended a picnic at the Saranac Lake Civic Center hosted by the Democratic Parties of Franklin, Essex, and Clinton Counties. Later they traveled to Lake Placid, NY.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released August 14

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Excerpts of the President's speech at the Democratic National Convention

Released August 16

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President has accepted the invitation of former President Nelson Mandela of South Africa to join him in Tanzania on August 28 in support of the Burundi peace process

Acts Approved by the President

Approved August 18

H.R. 1167 / Public Law 106–260 Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 2000

H.R. 1749 / Public Law 106-261

To designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System

H.R. 1982 / Public Law 106-262

To name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Rome, New York, as the "Donald J. Mitchell Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic"

H.R. 3291 / Public Law 106–263 Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Act